old gentleman was a boy), named

Phinens Guerney: "Th's. Phin's first glimpse of equatorial countries, was at an unknown landing on the South American coast. We can imagine how the sight of tropical luxuriance and palms and llianar
astonished his northern eyes. The Good
Adventure (his ship) lay a week or
more in the cove, and one afternoon
Phin took a rather venturesome ramble
following the crooks and bends of a
small tidal river.

small tidal river.

"As our young explorer went on, the stillness of the place was broken by a heavy splashing in the stream, at some distance ahead, followed in a moment or two by frightful bellowings, and all the commingled sounds of a deadly tussle. Phin stood rooted to the ground though more from astonishment than fear. Then the strange bawling and splashing continuing, he was drawn by a great curiosity to see what sort of a fracas was going on and what beasts were fighting. Running toward the noise, he came out near a great saumama-tree, with long, drooping branches, which grew partly in the water, and saw a horned creature, as he described it, plunging to and fro, with the biggest snake there ever was in the world, hanging hold of the animal's nose, and rolling and tumbling itself in great glossy folds on the ground!

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"Never had Phin seen nor heard of such a snake as that before! He descred that it was more than forty foot long," and as 'big round as the brig's foremast," and that it was 'hitched way up to a limb of the tree by its tail. He was a 'valler snake

up to a limb of the tree by its tail.' He says of it that it was a 'yaller snake with black spots all along its back and a des,' but that its belly was skim-milk color; also that its head was yellow and black; and that its eyes were 'bulged out like two chiny sassers,' and 'were green as frog spit,' except in the middle, where they looked like bright brass. 'Back and forth plunged the bullock, bellowing loudly in its fright and distress; but when once these water boas get a grip with their strong, retroverted teeth, it is next to impossible for an animal to break away from them. At length, the boa got one huge fold over the bullock's rump, and threw its hind legs from under its body. Very shortly now it would have mastered the steer—if Phin had not had a wrong to right. From the outset, our young right. From the outset, our young sailor's sympathies had been with the 'horned creature.'

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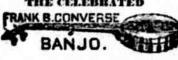


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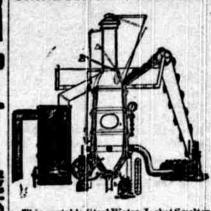
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